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Director Office of Child Care 330 C ST SW, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20201

#### Dear Director:

This letter describes how Nevada plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

#### 1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Subsidy payments based on enrollment rather than attendance; if 2<sup>nd</sup> provider is accessed, payments to both providers will be made.
- Children participating in the subsidy program will not be subject to termination based on number of absent days.
- Waiving copays for families receiving a subsidy who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 as determined by special consideration.
- Income at intake increased to 85% of the State Median Income for front line workers.

### 2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

• Trainings on CDC guidelines

### 3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Grants toward COVID-related supplies
- Grants toward operating costs

## 4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Grants toward COVID-related supplies
- Grants toward operating costs
- Establishment of child care networks
- Workforce recruitment and support
- Recruitment and mentorship of FFNs becoming licensed FCCs
- Capacity building efforts in child care desserts

The Nevada Child Care and Development Program will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,
/s/

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